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Residents confident in police

New survey shows increase in satisfaction with policing in Waltham Forest

Waltham Forest residents' confidence in local policing has increased by almost 20 per cent since December 2012. That's according to the latest figures released by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

Results for the third quarter MPS Public Attitude Survey show that

Seventy-seven per cent of residents surveyed said they thought Waltham Forest police were doing an 'excellent' or 'good' job, while 84 per cent said they 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that the local police are dealing with the things that matter most to people in the community.

The police and Waltham Forest

77 per cent of residents surveyed said Waltham Forest police were doing an 'excellent' or 'good' job

residents' confidence in the police has increased from 58 per cent in December 2012 to 77 per cent in February 2014.

This means that Waltham Forest has the third highest satisfaction levels of the 32 boroughs of the MPS and was beaten by only Richmond-upon-Thames and Kingston-upon-Thames.

Council have come together over recent years to identify and tackle issues that most trouble residents.

A recent example of successful partnership working saw a problem street drinker hit with a three year Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO).

Arunas Gincauskas, of no fixed abode, was seen urinating into flowers at Coronation Gardens,

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Leyton on Sunday 19 January in front of a mother with a child in a pushchair.

This was in direct breach of an existing Acceptable Behaviour Agreement in which he had recently agreed not to enter Coronation Gardens due to persistent alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

Gincauskas pleaded guilty to

disorderly conduct at Thames Magistrates' Court on Friday 31 January and was issued with a three year ASBO that forbids him from entering or going to Coronation Gardens and prohibits him from

being in possession of an open alcohol container in the E10 postal area. If Mr Gincauskas breaches the terms of his ASBO he risks a fine or being sent to prison for up to five years.

More info

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Making the Scene



The Council's Cabinet and Leadership Team check progress of The Scene at Cleveland Place

Council Leader Chris Robbins was on hand to inspect the progress of the development

of the new cinema complex in Walthamstow Town Centre at the end of last month.

"It's coming along really well," said Chris. "I know there are lots of residents who are very excited

■ The Scene at Cleveland Place is rapidly taking shape

■ New cinema complex being built on the former arcade site

at the prospect of a new, state-of-the-art cinema opening in Waltham Forest.

"This is one of our key regeneration projects and will really make a difference to the borough. Over the years various attempts have been made to help bring the arcade site back into use, so the fact this development is happening now is very rewarding."

The Scene at Cleveland Place is a £30million regeneration project that will centre around a nine screen digital cinema capable of seating 1,200 film-goers. It will also include 14 houses, 107 flats and five restaurant/retail spaces.

The scheme is just one element of the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign that is committed to creating better high streets, leisure, schools and housing in Waltham Forest.

More info

The Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign is committed to improving the borough's streets, and attracting better shops and leisure facilities. Full details of the scope of the campaign is available on the Council's website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace

In my opinion



Danny Herbert

Trustee – The Mill, Walthamstow

The Mill is a thriving community hub located in Coppermill Lane in Walthamstow, on the site of the former St James Street Library. It opened in August 2011, is run almost entirely by volunteers and is open every day except Mondays.

The Mill works in a unique way. Everything that happens here comes from the inspiration and hard work of the community, who bring their skills and experience to the project.

Hundreds of groups and individuals have brought their ideas to life at The Mill, from after-

school classes to knitting clubs and language classes to community breakfasts.

Since joining as a Trustee, I have seen The Mill grow to host projects run by other charities and Waltham Forest Council. But The Mill is also a place where anyone can visit for free – a friendly space to see regular art exhibitions, use the kids' playroom, borrow a book from the honesty library or sit with the papers and a cup of tea.

Users can also access low cost rooms for hire for meetings, birthday parties or try out a new business idea. Some groups that

use the centre include the Asian Women's Group and The Recycled Teenagers group of older residents.

The Mill exists to create stronger connections between people, to encourage everyone to share their skills and time and to express themselves creatively. We aim to reflect the interests and priorities of local people and to be a trusted part of the community.

Now, we have launched a new Friends scheme to help fund and promote the work of The Mill. We want to encourage more local people to become a Friend of The Mill and help it grow even further.

Becoming a Friend of The Mill is a great way to guarantee its future in Walthamstow, serving the whole community. Donations will go directly to help maintain our work and keep it open for the hundreds of people who visit every year.

I'd like to encourage more local people to become a Friend of The Mill. Spread the word to your neighbours, organise a fundraising

event, hold your meetings or birthday party in the building, join us at our next community event or suggest an idea for an activity.

If you would like to find out more, please visit www.themill-coppermill.org/friends-of-the-mill, phone 020 8521 3211 or pop in and see us at The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

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Housing Benefit fraudster caught

A woman who pretended to be paying rent to a landlord in order to claim Housing Benefit turned out not only to own the property, but to not even have a mortgage.

The fraudster, Angelique Ioannou, 54, of Brindwood Road, Chingford, pleaded guilty to dishonestly providing information to Waltham Forest Council at Snaresbrook Crown Court on Friday 24 January.

Between 26 November 2001 and 21 March 2011 Ms Ioannou

pocketed £63,629 in housing benefit that she was not entitled to. In sentencing her, the Judge acknowledged that she had repaid £49,134 soon after her crime was detected and that this action had saved her from going to prison.

She was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, on each of two counts, to be served concurrently. The Judge also made a compensation order for the sum of £14,495, plus costs of £3,000

which she has to pay at a rate of £150 per month, or face an additional default sentence of six months in prison.

Cllr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, said: "It's extraordinary that someone in such a privileged financial position should commit such a crime.

"She is very fortunate to avoid prison, but at least we have managed to recover the lion's share of this gross overpayment already.

"That said, it obviously doesn't absolve her of responsibility from stealing from the public purse.

"I find it a particularly ugly crime at a time when people in genuine need are coping with cuts to benefits that will really hurt them. It's a vindication of the work our Counter Fraud Team carries out to track down benefit cheats."

More info

If you suspect someone is committing any kind of fraud against the Council or the public sector, phone the Council's Counter Fraud Group on **020 8496 4299** or write to them at PO BOX 193, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JA. All information will be treated as confidential.

In brief

Celebrating silver surfers

With technology becoming a greater part of people's lives, the Council is doing all it can to help older residents and people with learning disabilities stay up to date with the latest trends.

Thanks to a range of multimedia projects, people living in residential homes are now 'skyping' their relatives abroad, making films of their life histories and creating their own music playlists.

Residents with a visual impairment are also using large tablets to read newspapers more easily and specialist software to scan and read their post aloud. This work, and the difference it has made to people's lives, will be celebrated at a free event called 'i can in Waltham Forest' on Friday 21 February, from 10am to 4pm at Waltham Forest Assembly Hall. Open to all residents, the event will give people the chance to find out more through films, presentations and interactive stalls.

• **To book your place phone Gill McDermott on 07905 985 370 or email gill.mcdermott@walthamforest.gov.uk**

Ready to help



The Council's Highways team, pictured above with a machine which can suck up excess water and clear gullies, are on standby for bad weather.

The distressing pictures of flooding around the country, and in the capital, are enough to make residents think about just how prepared we are here in Waltham Forest should the incessant rain continue.

Residents may have seen reference to an Environment Agency report last week which said that Waltham Forest has a high number of homes at potential risk from flooding.

The borough provides water for 1.5 million people in London through the reservoirs in the Lea Valley and there are a variety of rivers and streams which add to the borough's open spaces.

These water sources mean that

there are permanent measures in place to deal with flooding such as sluice gates and weirs which deal with excess water.

Last week, there was localised flooding in Lower Hall Lane in Chingford. The emergency services, Thames Water and Council staff were on the scene quickly and the flooding was dealt with by opening a sluice gate which let water run away. While it was very concerning for residents, luckily no homes were damaged.

But given the unprecedented rainfall and flooding in parts of the country, it is understandable that residents are concerned about what would happen if the borough

were to experience flooding.

Council Leader, Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News: "The dreadful scenes in places like Somerset are bound to raise concerns locally and we take our responsibility to support residents very seriously. While we know that the flooding risk is helped by all of the permanent flood measures here in the borough, we are in daily contact with Thames Water, the Environment Agency and the emergency services.

"We haven't experienced any major disruption so far and our risk remains low. In the unlikely event that significant flooding should happen, the Council is on high alert and would ensure that all of

our staff and resources would be focused on helping our residents."

Residents are advised to continue to listen to national and regional news for the most up to date weather information, and the Council's website will be regularly updated with information if the risk level rises.

More info

The national and regional news is the best way to keep up to date with the latest issues. In the event of local difficulties the Council website will be updated regularly. Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries.

Photography competition

There are lots of reasons why 260,000 people call Waltham Forest home and the Council wants to know what they are, so it can create a new brand for Waltham Forest and tell the rest of London how great our borough is.

If you're handy with a camera or want to shout about a hidden gem you've discovered locally, you can get involved by sending us your photographs of anything you love about Waltham Forest. Whether it's the open space you walk your dog in, your favourite Saturday morning breakfast spot, or a local character who makes sure you start your day with a smile, we want to hear from you.

The winning image will feature in a special exhibition at the William Morris Gallery and will be used in a campaign to promote the borough. The winner will also receive a £100 photography voucher.

Entries must be submitted in one of four categories – green space, character, way of life/lifestyle or entrepreneurs/business – before 12pm on Monday 31 March 2014.

So get snapping, or send us something you've already taken!

• **For more information and full terms and conditions, please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/photocomp. Entries must be received by 31 March 2014.**

4 Priorities

Taking care of business

Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being doing to help you gain access to training, education and jobs



Cllr Mark Rusling meets apprentices working on The Scene at Cleveland Place. The Council has also recently hosted jobs and skills fairs to help young people into work and training



It is all very well for Councils to talk about prioritising particular areas of work, but the real test comes with the amount of resource they dedicate to a particular issue and the real measures they put in place.

At a time when local government is coping with unprecedented cuts to its funding, it is easy to imagine that services are receiving less money right across the board, but in Waltham Forest the Council has prioritised the need to help you and your family find employment.

Last year the Council established its new Business, Employment and Skills unit, putting money into all three areas. Concerted efforts have been made to increase the level of interaction the Council has with local businesses, improve what it does to help its residents gain necessary training, and ultimately strengthen what it does to help residents into employment.

And the results are proving to make a real difference to people in Waltham Forest looking for

work, as Cllr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, explained to Waltham Forest News.

"In terms of overall reductions

work we have been undertaking. In particular the close working partnership with Job Centre Plus has made a real difference."

The Council came together with Job Centre Plus and other

"Now our Business, Employment and Skills unit is up and running and making an impact, I am sure there are plenty more opportunities to maximise the chances for our residents to find work."

in unemployment levels over the period since the Business, Employment and Skills Team was set up, we can point to a general fall of 25 per cent in Jobseeker's Allowance claimants and a specific fall of 29 per cent in youth unemployment.

"That puts us among the top ten performing boroughs in London on overall falls in unemployment during the period between March to December 2013 and I think that has a lot to do with the hard

local employment support and training providers. This led to the establishment of a Youth Employment Hub – the first of its kind in the whole of England – and this has helped hundreds of local people find work or training.

One of the key pieces of work the Council has been undertaking has been making links with businesses opening up in the borough. When a new Tesco opened up in Highams Park the Council worked closely to ensure

as many of the posts as possible went to people living in Waltham Forest.

"By printing a code in Waltham Forest News, local residents could be assured of an interview, ultimately resulting in 75 Waltham Forest residents securing employment with Tesco," explained Cllr Rusling.

"We worked really closely with Waltham Forest College and the Job Centre, and our Skills unit was on hand to help individuals meet the requirements necessary to put them in the running for the positions.

"Just before Christmas a planning application for a new Morrisons store in Walthamstow was approved and we know it will bring with it around 450 new jobs, around 300 within the new supermarket. I anticipate we can work to see up to three-quarters of those jobs go to local people by using the experience and knowledge we have in the new team."

The Business, Employment and Skills team also target jobs that are associated with big regeneration and development schemes, such as the new cinema development under construction in the centre of Walthamstow. This has seen a number of local apprentices employed on site.

"As an authority we take on apprentices every year and encourage our contractors, such as J. B. Riney who look after our highways, to follow suit," said Cllr Rusling.

"Now our Business, Employment and Skills unit is up and running and making an impact, I am sure there are plenty more opportunities out there to maximise the chances for our residents to find work."

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's work to help residents into jobs and training



Margarita, Blackhorse Road



Sophie and Ricky, Walthamstow



Bilal, Leyton



John McManus, Walthamstow



Desiree Cox, Blackhorse Lane

"There are lots of courses and opportunities for people. But more support needs to be available to single mums and people with families so that they can fit attending a course around the needs of their children."

"The Council does very well at the moment – it offers a lot of courses to people. But maybe it needs to do more to make information about courses, training and job opportunities available to people – perhaps more posters and leaflets."

"It's good that the Council works with businesses to encourage employers to take on local residents. It doesn't just mean that people get a job – working locally can make life easier for people and their families as they don't have to commute as much."

"There's too much emphasis on formal education these days – more needs to be done on skills. We need more apprenticeships and more training opportunities for people to give them practical skills. Courses need to be more outcome-focused and less about box-ticking."

"The Council should be more proactive about getting information out on what opportunities there are around skills and training. Courses shouldn't be one size fits all but reflect the different needs of people like school leavers and parents returning to work."

Priority: Helping you and your family

Commitment:

- Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass
- Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age
- Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings
- Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe

Priority: Making our community a safer place

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

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Waltham Forest Council's campaign to combat enviro-crime is coming on leaps and bounds, with the message 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' being heard loud and clear.

Local businesses have joined in the campaign, signing up to the Business Litter Pledge and agreeing to clear up outside their premises on a regular basis.

The following businesses are the latest to sign the Pledge:

Who?	The Walnut Tree
Where from?	857-861 High Road Leytonstone
Who?	The Drum
Where from?	557 Lea Bridge Road
Who?	The Kings Ford
Where from?	250 Chingford Mount Road
Who?	New Kenya Halal Butcher
Where from?	759 High Road Leytonstone
Who?	The Engine Shed
Where from?	745 High Road Leytonstone
Who?	T S Halal Foods
Where from?	765 High Road Leytonstone

If you're a local business and want to sign up to the litter pledge email your details to highways.enforcement@walthamforest.gov.uk

More info

To find out more about the 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess. Report an enviro-crime by visiting www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



Stencils are being painted on pavements to remind irresponsible dog owners to clear up after their pets

Report those dirty dogs

- Council campaign targets dog mess on the streets of the borough
- Incentive scheme and reporting pads launched to catch the culprits

The 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign launched by the Council to address issues of people rubbishing the borough's streets is now focusing on irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

In a two-pronged attack on the problem the Council has launched both an incentive scheme and a new reporting pad that residents can use to let the Council's Dog Enforcement Team know about irresponsible dog owners.

"We're determined to get to grips with where these problems arise most often and want to confront the individuals responsible for leaving our streets and our parks in a mess," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.

"Despite having one of the largest Dog Enforcement Teams in London, realistically it is very difficult for them to catch irresponsible dog owners and issue Fixed Penalty Notices as they need to witness the dogs in the act. "Our regular warning stencils and leaflets have gone some way to address the issue, but we need to ratchet up the campaign. To do that we

need our residents' support."

The Council needs residents to help them by reporting owners of dogs that do not pick up after their pets. Anyone who is regularly out and about in the borough's parks, or anywhere else where dog mess is a problem, would be ideally

"We know residents hate dog mess left for them to step in. We're asking them to help us track down the irresponsible individuals who fail to pick up after their dogs."

placed to identify irresponsible dog owners.

A pilot scheme will offer residents £25 worth of High Street Vouchers for intelligence that leads to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued against an irresponsible dog owner.

By increasing the sources of intelligence the Dog Enforcement Team can target reported hotspots and look to approach identifiable owners. To assist with reporting, the Council has also devised a reporting pad that asks residents to write down information about the dirty dogs and their owners.

By knowing the type of dog, colour of dog, description of owner,

location, time and occurrence (daily/weekly) the Dog Enforcement Team can visit the specific location at a specific time, to hopefully pick out the culprits.

Residents can either drop off the page of the pad at Council offices or email the information to the Dog

Enforcement Team.

"We know residents hate dog mess left for them to step in and so we are calling upon them to help us track down the minority of irresponsible individuals who fail to pick up after their dogs," said Cllr Loakes.

"It is disgusting to think that children could step in it or it could end up on the wheels of our kids' bikes or prams or even wheelchairs which then gets spread around schools, homes and cars. Cleaning up after your dog is not a new thing and there is really no excuse for dog owners to not take on the responsibility – especially when

bagged-up dog mess can be put in any street bin!"

The Council knows that the vast majority of the borough's dog owners do clean up after their pets. Indeed, they are keen to enlist the help of as many responsible dog owners as possible as they are regularly out and about in the borough.

Waltham Forest for Dogs has already got behind the scheme and other groups such as Snow Angels, Street Watchers, Friends of Parks and Residents Associations have also been approached.

The Dog Control Orders that came into force at the beginning of this year not only help re-establish the need for dog owners to pick up after their pets, but close loopholes where previously the Council was unable to enforce in regard to dog mess – such as in car parks and cemeteries.

More info

For more information, to get hold of a reporting pad, and to report an incident of dog fouling visit the Council's website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report phone 020 8496 3000 or email dogteam@walthamforest.gov.uk

Takeaway infestation

- A poor standard of hygiene and cleaning was found by inspectors
- Cooked and raw food was being kept at inappropriate temperatures



Some of the filthy conditions discovered inside Double Pizza and China Golden Gate in Lea Bridge Road

A takeaway in Lea Bridge Road was shut down last month by Waltham Forest Council after food inspectors found food at risk of contamination from a mouse infestation, poor temperature control and dirty conditions throughout.

Double Pizza and China Golden Gate, situated at 394 Lea Bridge Road was closed on Wednesday 22 January by the Council's

Environmental Health Officers. During an inspection they discovered a mouse infestation – with droppings found in the kitchen, in food storage areas and contaminating food containers. There was also a poor standard of hygiene and inadequate cleaning throughout the premises.

In addition, inspectors were very concerned by the lack of regard to temperature control in the takeaway. The hot cabinet storing cooked

chicken was not nearly hot enough and the fridge temperatures were not cold enough to protect food from the growth of dangerous bacteria.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We have an excellent track record when it comes to exposing rogue food establishments that take a laissez-faire attitude to the responsibilities implicit in how they run their business.

"Cleaning, storing food at the right temperature, adhering to hygienic practices – these are all things that need to be taken very seriously. They are not optional extras and anyone who is blasé enough to disregard them will answer to us.

"We will uncover them, we will shut them down if they pose a serious risk to health, we will put them in front of Magistrates and we will make them change their ways.

"This takeaway may be open again, as they have met legal standards, but we will prosecute them for having played fast and

loose with the wellbeing of our residents and I am confident the court will again back us up and punish the owners appropriately."

The Council took the matter to Stratford Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 January and obtained an emergency prohibition order to prevent the premises from operating. Upon satisfying inspectors that all the emergency issues outlined by the court had been addressed, the outlet was allowed to re-open on Tuesday 28 January.

The Council is now preparing to bring a prosecution against Double Pizza and China Golden Gate. The premises will remain on the Council's list of high risk food businesses until inspectors are satisfied that food safety is being properly managed.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief



An urban food growing festival will take place this March

Food Festival

The first urban food growing festival is coming to the borough between Friday 21 and Sunday 30 March as Waltham Forest Council strives to transform our corner of the capital into the garden of London. We need people and organisations that provide teaching and training on growing your own food to take part in the nine day festival that is being called 'Cultivate'.

A forum for further collaboration and projects is also planned.

• Anyone with proposals for workshops, talks, demonstrations, dinners, walks or anything else that celebrates local food growing should get in touch. Email events@artillery.org.uk or phone 020 3281 1897.

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Leyton Library Plus

Opening Wednesday 26 February

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What more can I do at Leyton Library Plus?

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Visit: Waltham Forest Council's Registrars team
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Make an appointment by calling 020 8496 3000

... talk to someone independent about healthcare or social care services I have received

Visit: Healthwatch (www.healthwatchwalthamforest.co.uk)
Every first Tuesday of the month: 9am – 1pm. Just drop in.

... receive advice and guidance on parenting or family issues

Visit: Leyton Children's Centre team
Mondays: 9am – 1pm. Just drop in.

... see a benefits officer about my housing benefit claim

Visit: Waltham Forest Council's Benefits team
Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am – 5pm
Make an appointment by calling 020 8496 3000

... get information on further education opportunities at the University of East London and Birkbeck University

Visit: UEL and Birkbeck staff (www.uel.ac.uk)
Every second and fourth Thursday of the month:
10am – 12.30pm.
Make an appointment by calling 020 8496 4345 or just drop in.

... receive advice and guidance on employment and career issues

Visit: Waltham Forest Council's Careers team
Mondays: 1pm – 5pm
or
Visit: Waltham Forest Council's Employment team
Wednesdays: 9am – 5pm
Make an appointment or just drop in.

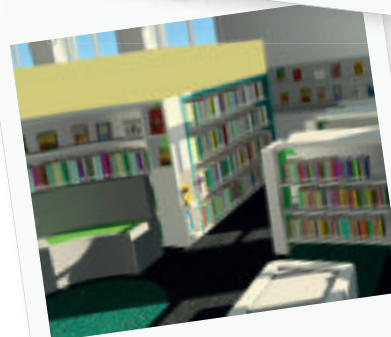
... get some practical advice and support on a range of issues, such as legal or financial problems

Visit: Citizen's Advice Bureau
Mondays – Fridays: 9am – 5pm.
Make an appointment by calling 020 8521 5125

Better Leisure



ICT Suite



Children's Library

Customer Service staff will also be on-hand to help residents use self-service to make payments, report or request services and access a wide range of helpful information and library services. Residents can also drop off information related to their housing benefit claim and council tax account.

Regular activities at Leyton Library Plus

Activity	When	Frequency
Baby Bounce and Rhyme (ages 0–4)	Mondays 10.30–11am	Weekly (starts Monday 3 March)
Reading Group	Mondays 6–7pm	Last Monday of the month (starts Monday 24 March)
ESOL Conversation Class	Tuesdays 10am–12pm	Weekly (starts Tuesday 4 March)
Film Club (ages 12–16)	Thursdays 4.30–6.30pm	First Thursday of the month (starts Thursday 6 March)

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For more information please visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraryplus or call 020 8496 3000
Leyton Library Plus, High Road Leyton, E10 5QH



Waltham Forest

Leyton



Leyton's Gravity Circus Centre offers an exciting new way for residents to get fit

Circus school is flying high!

- New circus skills centre opens in Leyton
- Workshops and taster sessions are available for children and adults alike

If your good intentions to exercise more in 2014 are already starting to wane, then finding a fun new way to stay fit and active could be just the thing you need to get back on track.

Luckily, a new circus centre in Leyton is offering local people an exciting way to get fit and healthy. Gravity Circus Centre opened in Leyton in September 2013 and has been going from strength to strength ever since.

But what makes a small industrial unit in Leyton the perfect venue for teaching budding acrobats? Waltham Forest News spoke to Yam Doyev, Director of Gravity Circus Centre, to find out more.

Yam told Waltham Forest News: "I moved to London from my home in Israel 11 years ago as I decided I wanted to specialise in aerial performance and further my career.

"I had been training at various facilities before deciding to set up my own circus centre last year. We

decided to set up Gravity Circus Centre in Leyton for a number of reasons. There are two other circus facilities in London. One is in Old Street and one is in south east London, so we thought it would be good to be able to open somewhere that was towards the North-East side of London and Essex.

"As soon as we saw the

have learnt circus skills including aerial hoop, silks, rope, tumbling and static trapeze.

And while the idea of learning acrobatic skills as an adult might sound difficult, you don't necessarily need to have any gymnastic prowess to take part.

Yam said: "I think today more and more people are getting bored of traditional fitness activities like

because you're using your whole body. And as well as being beneficial to your health, it helps you build confidence. When you're doing something like learning aerial skills you push yourself and perhaps challenge your fears."

As well as offering classes to adults, Gravity has also recently begun a youth programme for young people aged from seven to 18. Apart from being a fun and exciting way for children to learn new skills it's a good way for your child to make new friends.

Yam added: "I'm hoping that our new youth sessions will not only encourage local children to have fun while keeping fit, but I hope that the centre might be able to uncover the next generation of talented performers as well!"

More info

For more information visit www.gravitycircuscentre.com or phone 07885 462 436.

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premises we knew it was perfect because it has high ceilings – which are important for the aerial courses we offer. My partner and I really love the area as well. We have a dog and like to go walking near the centre and take advantage of the borough's open spaces."

Since the centre opened last September hundreds of beginners and experienced performers alike

going to the gym or running. I'd really like to encourage people to give one of our workshops a try and see if it's a good way for them to keep fit and healthy. You don't need any previous experience, and as long as you have a basic level of fitness you will be able to take part in one of our classes.

"Circus skills classes are brilliant and they help you to get fit quickly

In brief



Leyton and Wanstead Flower Club

Keen flower arrangers are being encouraged to attend Leyton and Wanstead Flower Club's monthly meetings. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Quaker Meeting Hall (Bush Road, E11 3AU) from 7.15pm. You can see flower arranging demonstrations and enjoy socialising with other members over a welcome cuppa or two. There is also a raffle each month in which you can win the flowers from the evening's demonstration. Entrance for visitors costs £5 and new members are always welcome.

• For more information phone 020 8524 6526.

Waltham Forest Blind Association

Residents who are blind or have any form of sight loss and are in need of support are being encouraged to contact the Waltham Forest Blind Association. The registered charity offers advice and some casework services every Monday morning from their office at Community Place (806 Leyton High Road, E10 6AE). This service includes advice about benefits, mobility and adaptation issues, housing and social isolation, money advice including debt and relationship difficulties.

• For more information phone 020 8556 0355, email wfb@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.wf-ba.co.uk

Free English classes

Residents who would like to improve their English conversation skills are being invited to attend free English classes taking place in Leyton. The classes begin on Monday 24 February at Christ Church (73 Francis Road, E10 6PL) and will take place from 9.30-11am every Monday and Thursday. All materials needed for the classes will be provided.

• For more information phone Christ Church on 020 8925 2728.

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Could you adopt a child?

- 94 per cent of adoption applicants in the borough are approved
- Open evenings give information and advice about adoption

If you've ever considered adopting but thought you might not be suitable, think again. Today, having a sense of humour, patience and bags of energy are more important than being married or owning your own home.

In fact, 94 per cent of people who apply to adopt children in Waltham Forest are approved – showing that the criteria aren't as tough as some people might think.

"We do of course look for people who can provide a stable home," said Cllr Clare Coghill, Cabinet Member for Children and Young

People, "but that doesn't mean people need to be married or in a relationship."

"We know that families come in many different forms, so we welcome adoptive parents from different backgrounds, as long as they can show that they are serious about taking a child on and giving them a secure life.

"That means anyone over the age of 21 who has a spare bedroom can apply to adopt, whether they are gay or straight, married or not, and in work or out of work," added Cllr Coghill. "You don't even need to live in Waltham Forest



necessarily, as we accept parents from other boroughs."

David* and James* are two of those parents, who after building a good relationship with the Council's adoption team, decided to adopt in Waltham Forest, despite living in a different part of London.

Together for over 20 years and in a civil partnership for the last seven, the couple adopted their son Julian* 18 months ago, when he was four.

"It was obviously a life-changing experience adopting Julian," David said. "At first it was incredibly challenging, but like most things you adapt and get better at it as time goes on and it really has been such an incredibly positive experience for both us and Julian."

And the relationship the couple formed with the Council still stands, as the adoption team continue to provide what David describes as a

"light touch" and "helpful" advice to this day.

He admits that the process in the run-up to adopting Julian was "quite rigorous" but now that his son is settled he reflects that it was worth it for the "huge rewards" and gave him and his partner an insight into their relationship.

"Because they ask you so much and interview you and your partner separately at times you do find out a lot about yourself and your relationship with your partner," David told Waltham Forest News, "not to mention examining stuff such as your domestic set up and work life balance.

"That said, it was also incredibly interesting and helpful and of course you appreciate fully the need for such thoroughness," he added.

Over the next few months the Council is holding adoption open

evenings for anyone who thinks they might be able to offer a loving home to a child and wants to find out more about the process.

At each session, children and parents who have gone through the adoption process will be talking about their own stories. To find out more, simply turn up to one of the following open evenings – no booking is needed:

- Wednesday 19 March, 6.15pm, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JL
- Thursday 8 May, 6.15pm, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JL

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt or phone 020 8496 3000.

*all names have been changed

Child Poverty Conference

Work to combat child poverty in the borough was discussed at the first ever Waltham Forest Child and Family Poverty Conference on Wednesday 5 February. Spearheaded by Cllr Karen Bellamy, Junior Lead Member for Child and Family Poverty, the conference was the biggest event of its kind in recent years, bringing together over 200 delegates.

Delegates came from all over London and represented both voluntary sector organisations and council teams working with children and families. Key note speakers

included London Assembly Member Fiona Twycross and Ade Sofola from 4 in 10, Save the Children.

The conference helped form new relationships between many services, bringing several organisations together for the first time. The event was one of a number of projects initiated by the Council's new Child and Family Poverty Board to combat poverty in the borough.

The board has created food supply chains to local food banks with FareShare, mobile food vans and has worked up a new Child and Family Poverty Strategy that it

launched at the conference. The strategy emphasises the need to find ways for organisations to collaborate better and not work in silos.

Over the next four months the Council will be consulting with partners and services about the strategy to determine their own set of commitments for alleviating poverty. Together over the coming year the Council will work with others to complete projects to create robust food supply chains, for new and existing foodbanks and to expand the scope of the mobile high quality fresh produce shop.



Cllr Karen Bellamy speaks at the Child and Family Poverty Conference

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk and search 'child poverty' or phone 020 8496 3000.

Sports and fitness

Restorative Yoga

Mondays, 5.45–6.45pm

The Mill, 7 – 11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
Gentle healing yoga poses and relaxation class for health conditions or limited mobility. Safe, effective way to increase physical activity, strength, balance and flexibility. Helps with numerous conditions from high blood pressure, pain management and back problems to depression and stress. £54 for six weeks or £9 drop in. Private one to ones available.

For more information and bookings please email josettayoga@hotmail.co.uk

Ashtanga Yoga

Fridays, 9.45–10.45am

Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU

Fast flowing dynamic yoga class. Great for increasing fitness, stamina, strength, flexibility and balance. Bring your own mat. £54 for six weeks or £9 drop in. Private one to ones available. **For more information and bookings please email** josettayoga@hotmail.co.uk

Pegasus Military Fitness

Tuesdays, 9.30am and 7pm

Fridays, 9.30am

Saturdays, 9am

Meet Tuesdays and Fridays at New Road car park E4 9EY. Meet Saturdays Bury Road car park Chingford Plains. Group fitness classes run by motivational instructors. £5 per session pay as you go. **For further details visit** www.pegasumilitaryfitness.co.uk or phone 07866 658 735.

Women only Pilates

Fridays, 7–8pm

Foster Hall, Wellesley Road, E17 8JZ
Traditional mat-based Pilates is one of the most effective body sculpting workouts you can do. Pilates combines strengthening, relaxation, flexibility, alignment and stamina by correcting muscular imbalances together with alleviating tension. Mixed abilities, £5 per class, mat required. **For more information email** mariabonner@btinternet.com or phone 07514 180 360.

Lea Valley Friends Walking Group

Saturdays or Sundays, times vary

Join us for short walks every Saturday or Sunday. A full programme of walks is available on request. Get a healthy lifestyle and meet friendly people.

For more information visit www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk, email lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com or phone 020 8529 1602.

Zumba with Zoe

Wednesdays, 7.30pm

The Cornerstone Centre, 149 Canterbury Road, E10 6EH

Classes are great fun, an excellent way to keep fit, lose weight and every class feel like a party. Zumba is your opportunity to express yourself and unleash your 'Latin within'! £5 per class. **For more information email** info@zumbazoe.co.uk or visit www.zumbazoe.co.uk

Zumba/Fight Klub

Tuesdays, 7.30–8.30pm

Landmark House, Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane, E17 5QJ
Zumba/Fight Klub boxing techniques fitness classes. £5 per session – bring a friend for free. **For more information phone** Dawn on 07572 441 324 or email info@dawnjamfitness.co.uk

Yoga Classes – mixed ability

Wednesdays, 7.30–9.30pm and

Thursdays, 7–8.30pm and 8.40–10.10pm

Friends Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU
Fridays, 7–8.30pm and 8.40–10.10pm and Mondays, 1–3pm
Peterhouse Centre, Forest Rise, E17 3PW
Mixed ability classes, beginners welcome. Down-to-earth Hatha Yoga. Help for anxiety and depression as well as physical problems; sleep better, feel better. Fully qualified teacher since 1984 (British Wheel of Yoga). £8 for 1.5 hour classes, £8.50 for 2 hrs. **For more information, or to book, phone** Kay Russell, 020 8554 7168 or email kay_russell_yoga@hotmail.com



Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8–9pm

North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Road

An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, Bodybars, Gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class free then £25 per month. **Phone** Lucilla on 07956 695 077 to book your space, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or visit www.onestopfitness.co.uk

Shakubuku

Fridays, 6.30–7.30pm

Frederic Street Community Centre, Frederic Street, E17 7LF

These classes are designed specifically for women who want to keep fit, lose weight and learn a practical self-defence. It's a challenge to start and continue any keep fit programme and takes discipline but through regular training you are sure to enhance your every day life by developing physical fitness, confidence, awareness and self-control. First lesson free, then £20

monthly. **Phone** 07597 172 508 or email lionking27@hotmail.co.uk

Zumba with Michelle

Days and times vary

Venues vary

Come along and feel liberated with Zumba classes with Michelle. All classes costs £5 per session. **For more information please phone** Michelle on 07869 128 186 or email michellezumbafitness@hotmail.co.uk

Learn Belly Dancing

Tuesdays, 7–8pm

The Asian Centre, Orford Road, E17 9LN
A great way to help you stay in shape and allow you to express your own personal creativity, enjoyed by many people around the world and for all ages. Enjoy belly dancing for £5 for a one hour lesson. **If you are interested please phone** Sarah on 07735 345 635.

Boxercise for Adults

Mondays, 7–8pm

Buxton School, Terling Close, Leytonstone, E11 3NT
Boxercise is a safe, stress-busting and fun form of exercise for all ages and abilities. Delivered by qualified coaches on behalf of not-for-profit Box4Life. Only £5 per session. **For more information phone** 07966 623 449 or visit www.box4life.org.uk

Morris Dancing for beginners

Wednesdays, 8–10pm

St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road, E17 3JF
Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris Dancers invite you to join our beginners evening. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit while learning traditional English Morris dancing. No experience necessary, just come along and have a go. Musicians (male or female) also welcome. First term free to new members. **For more information phone** 020 8527 2926 or visit www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk

Clubs and community

Charity quiz night

Saturday 22 March, 7pm

St Edmunds Church Hall, Chingford Mount Road, E4 6ER
Tickets £5. Bring your own food and drink. Maximum of 10 to a table. **For tickets or more information phone** Sarah on 020 8523 9937 or 07732 306 543.

International Women's Day event

Saturday 8 March, 2–8.30pm

Waltham Forest Assembly Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF
To celebrate International Women's Day 2014, Waltham Forest Women's Network will be hosting the biggest free women's event ever held in Waltham Forest. This

is an opportunity for all local women to showcase their talents and services and to meet each other. DJ's, Zumba, circle dancing, belly dancing, face painting with a grand finale fashion show of African, Asian and vintage wear. We will have speakers, workshops, sessions on holistic therapies, education and career advice, money management, craft, textiles and more. There will be stalls ranging from jewellery, clothes, henna designs and face painting to name a few, as well as community-based advice stands and a variety of mouth-watering food. There's even a free drop-in crèche. **For further information contact** Karen Flint at info.wfwn@gmail.com

Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 10.30am–3pm

St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road)
A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. **For more information email** stall@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 3090.

Waltham Forest Blind Association

Days and times vary

Community Place, 806 High Road, Leyton, E10 6AE
Services for blind and partially sighted people. **For more information phone** 020 8556 0355 or email wfbfa@hotmail.co.uk

Leyton and Wanstead Flower Club

First Tuesday of the month, 7.15pm

Quaker Meeting Hall, Bush Road, E11 3AU
Come along to see flowers arranged, have a cup of tea and a chat. You may even win the flowers in the raffle. Visitors £5. **For more information phone** 020 8524 6526.

Bird and Bat Box Building

Sunday 23 February, 11am

Meet at Larks Wood Playing Fields, Chingford
Learn and practice new skills helping to create nesting boxes for the local bird and bat populations. Suitable for everyone aged 16 and over. This event is completely free! All materials, equipment and training will be provided by The Conservation Volunteers. **For details and to book a place phone** Tom on 07917 267 573 or email t.nandi@tvc.org.uk

Winter Tree ID Walk

Thursday 27 February, 11am–1pm

Meet at Larks Wood, New Road entrance, Chingford
Join us for a guided walk through the beautiful surroundings of Larks Wood and Ainslie Wood. Discover which trees can be found there and learn about them and how to identify them. Suitable for all the family. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This event is completely

free. **For details and to book a place please phone** Gareth on 020 8533 8022 or email gg-waltham-forest@tvc.org.uk

Car Boot Sale

Saturday 1 March, 7am–12noon

Whipps Cross Hospital car park, near A&E department
All funds raised to Whipps Cross Hospital League of Friends. No food or drink sellers. Cars £10, vans £14. **For more information phone** Mrs Brenda Fone on 020 8556 3492 between 5.30 and 9pm.

Club Vintage London

Friday 28 February, 9pm–2am

Private Bar, RS Lounge, Woodford New Road, E17 3PR
Club Vintage London is the exciting new monthly over 30's night for those of us who still like to throw a few shapes to music from our youth, with friends and kindred spirits! Our DJ will be playing dance floor fillers, from our own clubbing/gigging era, Club Classics, the best of the 80's 90's and Noughties plus some up to date tracks thrown in for good measure! **Tickets £5 in advance from** www.clubvintagelondon.co.uk or email dan@clubvintagelondon.co.uk

New Pensioners Club

Mondays, 12–2pm

Lea Bridge Library Community Room
Come and join our fun and friendly group for older residents. Each week we have a speaker and a game of bingo. Small donations towards tea, coffee and biscuits are welcome. From 2–3pm we also have a health and well being group with great tips on healthy eating and blood pressure checks. **For more information phone** Tommy Anderson on 07506 733 392.

Culture and crafts

Hugh Moffatt

Thursday 27 February, 8.30pm

Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 53 Hoe Street, E17 4SA
Rare London gig by highly-rated Texan singer/songwriter, whose songs have been covered by the likes of Merle Haggard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Dolly Parton, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Johnny Cash. In recent years he has also ventured into dramatic writing and opera. Hugh's relaxed solo style will appeal to fans of folk, country, Americana and sheer good songwriting – don't miss this rare chance to see him in the intimate setting of the Rose and Crown's theatre. Entry £8.

Discover's Day of Stories

Saturday 22 February, 11am–4pm

The Mill, 7–11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
Discover – an all-day story project. Families of all ages welcome. Come and take part. Bake your own words in the afternoon, explore the Yurt, get involved in lots of activities involving stories. Tell your story to our Mobile Mill Story machine! **For**

more information visit www.themill-coppermill.org

Piano and Guitar Tuition

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The Chicken Shack

Thursdays, 7.30–11pm

Chingford Rugby Club, Waltham Way, E4 8QA

1950's Rock n Roll dance night every Thursday. Entrance £5. **For more information phone Malc on 07860 664 493 or visit www.the-chicken-shack.com**

Dare to Design Craft Workshop

Tuesdays, 9.30–11am

Chingford Hall Children Centre, 4 Burnside Avenue, E4 8YJ

Craft workshop for parents, kids are welcome! Learn different techniques in a very friendly environment. Be creative and transform old objects. Materials provided. **For more information phone 020 8527 7310.**

Italian Club

Starting March 2014

Italian speaking group for children whose parents are or speak Italian and are interested in meeting other children who speak the same language. Parents and children attend together. This is a voluntary group and there are no fees involved. **For more information phone Marigemma Rocco on 07712 650 416 or email mroccobriggs23@btinternet.com**

Open Mic Night

Thursday 20 February, 8pm

Old Hall Tavern, Hall Lane, E4 8EY.

Supportive audience welcomes performers of all skill levels in this friendly and inclusive live music venue. Free entry and use of PA and amps or do your thing unplugged. **For more information phone Trev on 07947 028 755 or email trevwev@yahoo.co.uk**

Life Drawing in Leytonstone

Every Monday, 7.30pm–9.30pm

The Plough and Harrow pub, 419

Leytonstone High Road, E11 4JU

£6 per session, untutored drop-in drawing session. Art materials and variety of tea inclusive. We like learning from each other about various drawing techniques, anatomy, shading and socialise. **For more information visit www.meetup.com/life-drawing-in-leytonstone**

Learn Mandarin

Monday to Sunday, 8.30am–8pm

London Cross-culture Bilingual (LCB) Education Centre, Suite 12 Gateland Business Centre, 210 Church Road, E10 7JG

Learn Mandarin and Chinese culture with an experienced, welcoming and approachable teacher. A range of courses from beginners to advanced for reception pupils up to senior citizens. It will be beyond your expectations and you will find out that Chinese is not as hard as you think. **For more details, please phone Mr Jianhui Cai on 07412 485 813 or email crossculturebilingualeducation@yahoo.co.uk**

Knitting and Crochet Courses

Days and times vary

Abstract, 54 Beulah Road, E17 9LQ

Abstract runs knitting and crochet courses all year round. One lesson of two hours costs £20 per person. **For more information email Alessandra alessandrarigillo@googlemail.com or phone 07971 255 705.**

Children and young people

Tritons Swim School Swimming Lessons

Mondays, 5–5.30pm and 5.30–6pm

Community Pool, Waltham Forest College, 707 Forest Road, E17 4JB

Swimming lessons for beginners and improvers aged 13 to 17 years old where students can feel more comfortable learning to swim or improving their skills with other young people. Cost £75 per term minus £5 for every lesson missed prior to booking. Book now for the January to April term. **For more information phone 020 8501 8172 or email info@tritons.org.uk**



Avola Dance Academy

Days and times vary

Sherm Hall Methodist Church, Shernhall Street, E17 9HX

Ballet, Tap and Freestyle dance classes for school age children. IDTA qualified teacher.

For more information phone Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk

Melody Movement

Fridays, 10.30am

Sherm Hall Methodist Church, Shernhall Street, E17 9HX

The only Melody Movement School in

Waltham Forest, offering dance and movement from age two. Every Friday involving dance, movement, dressing up and music. Collect stickers to complete a work card, on completion of 12 lessons, a medal is received. £5 per week. Phone now to book as numbers are limited. **For more information phone Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk**

Acting Bugs

Tuesdays, 1.50pm and Fridays, 9.50–11.30am

St Mary's Welcome Centre, Walthamstow Village and The Peterhouse Centre, Walthamstow

Acting Bugs/Diddy Bugs are brand new tots (3 to 4 years and 18 months to 3 years) drama groups led by local TV actress and mum Sam Seager and her team. The sessions introduce pre-school children to the world of drama in a fun and playful way. Inspiring young imaginations through the use of storytelling, movement, music and puppets. The sessions will get your little ones' imaginations buzzing, help develop focus and build confidence in a friendly and safe environment. Parents stay with their children through the session. Numbers strictly limited so please email or call to book your free taster session. **Email info@actingbugs.co.uk, phone 07548 196 722. See www.actingbugs.co.uk for more information.**

Suntrap's Bird Bonanza

Tuesday 18 February, 12–3pm

Suntrap, Church Road, High Beach,

Loughton, IG10 4AJ

Come and enjoy lots of bird-themed activities including dissecting an owl pellet, a bird trail through Epping Forest and bird themed craft activities.

Meet and feed the chickens 2.30–3pm weather permitting. This is a family drop in activity – there is no need to book. £4 for an owl pellet, £1 for other activities.

For more information phone 020 8508 0611 or email suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays, times vary

Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH

Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. Ages 7 and upwards. Pay £8 for a taster session, then £48 for a half-term of six 30 minute lessons. **For more information phone Christian Karlsson on 07958 471 083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com**

Magic Box: drama and storytelling

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am

Mothers Hub, 133 Wood Street

Drama and storytelling sessions for children aged two to four. £3 per child or £5 for two children. What's inside the Magic Box today? Join a host of different characters, from Captain Workynose to Molly the Monkey, as they lead you on exciting and interactive adventures. Coffee and cake included! **For more information**

see the Magic Box facebook page or email magicboxe17@gmail.com

Maths and English Tuition

Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays

Leyton First Class Learning help children succeed in Maths and English.

For more information phone Rosa on 07503 140 389, email leyton@firstclasslearning.co.uk or visit www.firstclasslearning.co.uk/leyton

Little Legs Football Training

Mondays, 5.30–7pm

Goals Centre, Morrisons Avenue, E4 8SN
Eastside Rangers Community Football Club is a charter standard club for ages four to 13. Beginners and advanced groups available. Medals to be won each week. £5 per child or block booking option available. We are looking for players to join our under eights team (school year 2/3) now. Train during the week with us working on the basic skills and play matches locally on the weekend. Staff are all qualified and trained to meet the needs of children. **For more information phone 07939 366 992.**

Community Ward Forums

Markhouse

Monday 17 February, 7–9pm

Lighthouse Church, Markhouse Road, E17 8BQ

Valley and Larkwood

Wednesday 19 February, 7–9pm

The Brotherhood Hall, 2a Larkwood Road, E4 8LP

Cann Hall and Cathall

Tuesday 25 February, 7.30–9.30pm

Epicentre, 41 West Street, E11 4LJ

Leyton

Wednesday 26 February, 7–9pm

Score Centre, Oliver Road, E10 5JY

Higham Hill

Saturday 1 March, 2–4pm

Higham Hill Bowling Club, Worcester Road, E17 5QR

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council Meetings

Monday 24 February

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Tuesday 25 February

Cabinet Budget Meeting, 5pm

Wednesday 26 February

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

Tell us what's on

Email your event details to:

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Waltham Forest

New chapter for Leyton Library



- **'Library Plus' takes effect this month with the reopening of Leyton Library**
- **Great new facilities to be complemented with an array of new services**

At a time when libraries are changing, it is refreshing to find Waltham Forest Council embarking upon a series of investments that will see libraries fit for the 21st century – starting in Leyton.

Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, told Waltham Forest News: "We know that our libraries need to develop and offer more than they used to.

"By equipping them with the facilities to offer a range of services over and above what one might expect from a traditional library we can meet a range of needs and keep libraries relevant and vital to the local community."

Last August the Council announced a transformation to its library services with significant improvement works scheduled over the next two years to all of its main libraries.

Leyton Library was earmarked to be the first to be refurbished as part of the new Library Plus initiative that will also see extensive makeovers taking place at Leytonstone, Walthamstow and Chingford libraries.

The changes to Leyton Library include a modern IT suite with fast and reliable Wi-Fi and internet throughout the building, and brand new PCs on the ground floor. There will also be a larger children's library that includes a new activity space and storytelling area, and a dedicated library for teenagers with new books, a study space and computers.

"It's important we build on the success of the services our residents most value about our libraries, which is why we are investing in what we know people come to the library for most of all," said Cllr Khan.

"However, as well as these state-of-the-art facilities, we're also looking to offer a host of services not normally associated with libraries. When it opens on Wednesday 26 February, Council staff will be on hand to assist residents to access services on self-service public PCs."

Residents can apply for benefits, register births, pay council tax and even report missed bin collections. The Citizen's Advice Bureau will be on hand from 9am to 5pm Mondays to Fridays to provide advice and practical support on a range of other issues, including legal and financial problems.

"It is one of the four key priorities of this Council to 'Help you and your family', and there can be no clearer indication of this than what we are trying to do with our new Library Plus service," said Cllr Khan.

"We're working in partnership with the University of East London

and Birbeck University to provide careers and education support and guidance at Leyton Library each fortnight.

"We'll also have our own employment team available every week to support residents with access to training and education. It doesn't matter what your age, experience or background is – we're here to help you back into work."

There will also be regular Healthwatch sessions and staff from the local children's centre will be based in Leyton Library one morning per week, to provide drop-in sessions with parents and families. These sessions will include family assessments, advice and practical support and referrals to other services.

The £1million refurbishment of Leyton Library is part of the Council's 'Creating a Better Place'

campaign, that helped deliver £160million worth of regeneration works across Waltham Forest in 2013 and has secured over £700 million in the coming years up to 2018.

The designs for the £1.5 million refurbishment of Leytonstone Library are now being developed and initial plans can be viewed on the Council's website. Overall the Library Plus refurbishments across the four libraries will amount to £5 million.

More info

For more information about Library Plus visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraryplus phone 020 8496 3000 or email libraryplus@walthamforest.gov.uk. You can also find out more about upcoming activities in the Waltham Forest Libraries 'What's On' guide.

Parks open for play

Waltham Forest has the most green space of any London borough north of the Thames. We pride ourselves on the borough's excellent open spaces and parks offering you a range of facilities, walks and wildlife for everyone to enjoy.

We are committed to providing you with better leisure facilities and as part of this work we have been refurbishing parks and play areas across the borough. Our £2million programme of work to enhance play areas is nearly complete and you will no doubt have seen some changes to facilities in your local area.

Another five play areas have now been transformed, some of the new play equipment includes:

- A unique climbing facility for under 12s and a musical sensory zone in Vincent Road play area, Chingford.
- A zip wire and climbing wall for the adventurers in Sidmouth Park, Leyton.
- Cradle swing and sound play station in Artesian Gardens play area, Leytonstone.

- Interactive play boards helping the young to learn in Bridge Road play area, Leyton.
- Natural wooden climbing frame and seesaw in the Epicentre play area, Leytonstone.

All other play areas are set to be complete by March 2014 so make sure you visit your local park this spring and discover the changes we've made.

For more information on our improvements to leisure facilities visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterleisure

Operator appointed for Sports Zone

Lammas School and Sports College has been appointed as the operator of the Sports Zone in Leyton Jubilee Park. From March they will manage the bookings and maintenance of the football pitches, basketball court and pavilion.

For more information on Leyton Jubilee Park visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/leytonjubileepark

Better Leisure



Climbing facility in Vincent Road play area, Chingford.



Seesaw in the Epicentre play area, Leytonstone.



Climbing wall and nets in Sidmouth Park, Leyton.



Musical sensory zone in Vincent Road play area, Chingford.



Cradle swing in Artesian Gardens play area, Leytonstone.



Interactive play boards helping the young to learn in Bridge Road play area, Leyton.



A zip wire in Sidmouth Park, Leyton.



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Foster Start your new career in fostering!

Come to an information evening to find out how
February 25th 2014 Waltham Forest Town Hall 6.45pm
March 24th 2014 Waltham Forest Town Hall 6.45pm

You don't need any formal qualifications. You need warmth, patience and understanding, good listening skills and an excellent sense of humour!

"I'd say to anyone thinking about fostering – go for it. All you need is a nice warm heart and to be a nice kind person who does not get angry too quick. We don't want people to feel sorry for us – we just need a safe, kind family to be part of" **Mark, 15 years**

You will receive training and a professional fee, equipment and allowances for each child.

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Free Family Friendly Cycle Training

17 – 21 February Half Term, and due to demand now each Sunday in
February and March at Waltham Forest College, 707 Forest Rd, E17 4JB

We are working to make cycling in Waltham Forest easier and safer for everyone. As part of our work we are pleased to be able to offer the following free cycle training courses throughout the half term, and weekends in February and March:

- group training sessions for families (age 7+)
- group training for children aged 9+
- group training for adults – from novice to experienced rider

All courses are delivered through our training provider, Cycle Confident, and are available to anyone living, working or studying in the borough.

Whether you are an experienced cyclist or a complete beginner, brushing up or learning new skills is always beneficial. So if you are returning to cycling, are looking build on your existing experience, or if your child's school has not already signed up for Bikeability training, this is a good opportunity for everyone!

We are also offering a series of led rides exploring Waltham Forest, Lea Valley and Epping Forest on weekends through February and March.

To find out more, and to register for your free training, visit www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest/ or call 020 3031 6730



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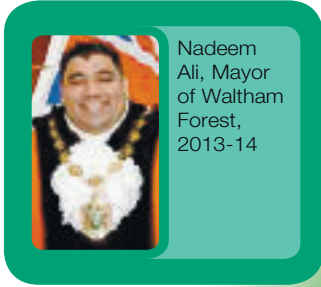
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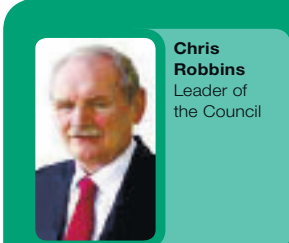
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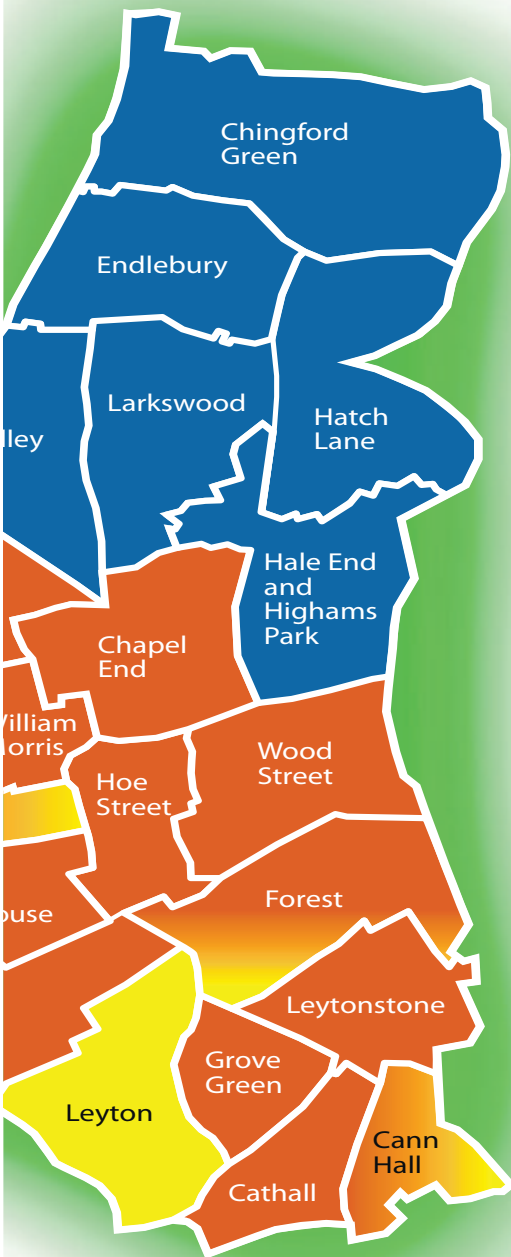
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Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion



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Cabinet Member for Housing

The Big London **ENERGY** SWITCH

Waltham Forest Council is supporting a scheme to help see if residents can get a better deal on their gas and electricity bills

You may be
paying too much
for your gas and
electricity!

How does the scheme work?

- € The Big London Energy Switch is a collective switching scheme run by Waltham Forest Council and a number of other councils in London.
- € By gathering together a large number of people who want to lower their gas and electricity bills the Big London Energy Switch, using a third party 'switching provider', can **encourage** energy companies to offer their lowest prices.
- € Once registration is closed, all the energy companies are invited to offer their best prices to everyone who registered.
- € You will then receive details of exactly how much money you could potentially save by switching.
- € You can choose whether or not to accept the offer.

To find out more or to register go to
www.biglondonenergyswitch.org.uk
or call 020 8496 3000 (if you do not
have internet access)

How much can I save?

Savings depend on how much energy you use and the price of your current tariff.

There is **no guarantee** the switch will save you money, for example if you have recently switched supplier you may already be on the best value tariff. You are under no obligation to accept the offer. A similar scheme has seen yearly savings of between £60 and £200 per household, so there is nothing to lose by registering.

Can I take part?

Anyone who pays a household energy bill can take part, although if you are in debt to an energy company you may not be allowed to switch.

When is the switch happening?

You can register your interest now. Registration will close on 17th February 2014, with offers to customers expected from the 28th February 2014.



Keep up to date with the latest news in Waltham Forest

If you want to be kept informed of the latest council news, events, service changes and consultations, sign up to Waltham Forest Council e-news online at
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LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2014 – T50

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 4th February 2014 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce two way workings in:

- (a) Bateman Road, between Chingford Mount Road and No. 1 Bateman Road; and
- (b) Westward Road, between Chingford Mount Road and No. 1 Westward Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 17th February 2014 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of any of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (NORTH COUNTLESS ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT4

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that on 17th February 2014 it made an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in North Countess Road, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in this road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose at any time in North Countess Road between a point 15 metres south of southern junction of Keith Road and the party wall of Nos. 46/48 and 50/52 North Countess Road.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force,

alternative routes for traffic would be via Ardleigh Road, Penrhyn Avenue, Thorpe Crescent and Pennant Terrace.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

- (a) in connection with the said works; or
- (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order would come into operation on 17th February 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 2 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST SOUTH LEYTON REGENERATION PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTION

AMENDMENTS

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 90C

The Waltham Forest (Leyton South CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2014

The Waltham Forest (Cashless Parking Places) (Amendment No. 5) Traffic Order 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 6th February 2014 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be:

- (a) in Hughendon Terrace to shorten by 18 metres the existing residents parking place, on the east side, opposite Nos. 187 and 195 Hughendon Terrace; and

- (b) in Westdown Road to reduce the existing single yellow line waiting restrictions, on the south side, adjacent to No. 185 High Road Leyton and provide a cashless parking place.

3. **FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council, in accordance with Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, introduced entry treatments in Nutfield Road, Etchingham Road and Cranbourne Road at their respective junctions with High Road Leyton, which are elevated sections extending across the full width of the carriageways and measuring 10 metres in length westward from each junction.

4. Copies of the Orders (mentioned in paragraph 1 and 2 above), which will come into operation on 18th February 2014 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making

of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS The Waltham Forest (Walthamstow Market West CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Traffic Order 2014 The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons)

(Amendment No. 5) Traffic Order 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 10th February 2014 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

NB/ The disabled parking amendment Order mentioned in the header of this notice was not mentioned in the original notice of proposals dated back on 14th October 2013. The disabled parking Order made as part of this notice (on the date mentioned in paragraph 1) incorporate the proposals highlighted in paragraph 2(a)(ii) and 2(b)(iii) of that notice of proposal, the statements of which are also mentioned in the same paragraphs and sub-paragraphs below.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be:

- (a) in Maude Road, on the south-east side, to:

- (i) shorten the existing shared use parking place opposite No. 2 Maude Road;
- (ii) extend the existing disabled parking place outside Hammond Court;
- (iii) extend the existing shared use parking place outside Hammond Court;
- (iv) reduce the existing single yellow line waiting restrictions adjacent to No. 24 Blackhorse Road; and

- (b) in Pretoria Avenue, on the south-west side, to:

- (i) shorten the existing shared use parking place opposite Nos. 38 to 40;
- (ii) shorten the existing shared use parking place opposite Nos. 30 to 34;
- (iii) provide 3 disabled parking places opposite Nos. 24 to 28;
- (iv) provide single yellow line waiting restrictions opposite Nos. 34 to 36; and
- (v) reduce the existing single yellow line waiting restrictions opposite Nos. 20 to 24.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 17th February 2014 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (HIGH STREET ARCADE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING, SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY WORKING AND WEIGHT PROHIBITION) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 TT9

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it intends to make an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit traffic (except works vehicles), restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles), and suspend one-way working and a weight prohibition in certain roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall:

- (a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 1 to this Notice; and
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 2 to this Notice.

N.B. These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council.

3. Whilst the works are being carried out article 3(c) of the Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (High Street Pedestrian Zone) Traffic Order 2010 in relation to the one way operation for traffic in High Street E17 shall be temporarily suspended between the north-eastern kerb-line of Westbury Road and the south-western kerb-line of Cleveland Park Avenue during such time works are being carried out in High Street E17 (between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and the south-western flank wall of No. 208 High Street).

4. Whilst the works are being carried out item numbered 2 to the schedule of the Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 2) Traffic Order in relation to the weight limit prohibition in Eastern Road E17 shall be temporarily suspended only during such time works are being carried out in Hoe Street (northbound – between Selborne Road and High Street).

5. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(a) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

6. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

7. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

- (a) in connection with the said works; or
- (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

8. The Order would come into operation on 4th March 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Schedule 1

Church Hill (eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street to the western kerb-line of West Avenue Road E17), Cleveland Park Avenue (between the party wall of Nos. 37 and 39 Cleveland Park Avenue and the north-western kerb-line of High Street), Eastfield Road E17 (between the northern kerb-line of Church Hill and a point 20 metres north of that said kerb-line), High Street (between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and the party wall of No. 257 and 259 High Street), Hoe Street (northbound – between Selborne Road and the southern kerb-line of Cairo Road), Rosebank Villas, Stainsforth Road (between the southern kerb-line of Church Hill and a point 20 metres south of that said kerb-line), Tower Mews.

Schedule 2

Cairo Road (east to west arm – (1) south side – between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 35 metres east of that said kerb-line, and (2) north side – between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 35 metres east of that said kerb-line), Hoe Street (southbound – from its junction with Cairo Road to Selborne Road).

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED WAITING AMENDMENTS AND DISABLED PARKING PROVISION

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 39) Order 2014

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 5) Order 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 10th February 2014 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:

- (a) introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 1 of this Notice;
- (b) extend the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 of this Notice;
- (c) convert existing single yellow line waiting restrictions to double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 3 of this Notice;
- (d) in Peterborough Road, (i) to introduce single yellow line waiting restrictions, operating between 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, that will replace existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions; (ii) amend various sections of existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions; and
- (e) in Ferndale Road E11 to provide a disabled persons parking place outside the Christ Apostolic Church;

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 17th February 2014 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The

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Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of any of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

Schedule 1

Beechwood Drive, outside No. 83; Bushey Close, at its junction with Larkshall Road; Chelwood Close; Dale View Crescent, at its junction with Larkshall Road; Eglington Road; Fairlight Avenue, at its junction with Endlebury Road; Gloucester Road, at its junction with Norfolk Road; Hillyfield E17 outside Dilwyn Court; Jenny Hammond Close; Mount Echo Avenue; Old Church Road junction with Mulberry Close; Peterborough Road; Rolls Park Road E4, at its junction with Rolls Park Avenue E4 (proposed under scheme T45 dated 16th September 2013); Skeltons Lane; The Avenue, outside the entrance to Roding Court; The Avenue E4, outside No. 130 (proposed under scheme T45 dated 16th September 2013); The Ridgeway, outside No. 91; Tudor Road; Waverley Avenue, near to No. 84 (reduced in relation to the original proposals); West End Avenue.

Schedule 2

Beacree Avenue, outside No. 1b; Brantwood Close, outside No. 2; Church Avenue, the south-west side; Connaught Avenue, near its junction with The Drive; Friars Close, between Heaton Close and Larkshall Road; Lea Bridge Road; Luther King Close, at its junction with Acacia Road; Vallentin Road, outside entrance to Fairways Court; Walnut Road, at its junction with Oliver Road.

Schedule 3

Chingford Road E4, at its junction with Larkswood Road; Larkswood Road, at its junction with Chingford Mount Road; Lea Bridge Road; Grove Green Road from No. 495 to Fairlop Road and bus station; Orford Road, outside Nos. 22/24 Orford Road (proposed under scheme T45 dated 16th September 2013); Taverners Way, at its junction with Douglas Road (reduced in relation to the original proposals); The Avenue, the section between No.1 and its junction with Castle Avenue.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PERMANENT MAKING OF EXPERIMENTAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Waltham Forest (G1) to (G10) (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 4) Traffic Orders 2014*

(*10 Traffic Orders – (G1), (G2), (G3), (G4), (G5), (G6), (G7), (G8), (G9) and (G10) respectively);

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 40) Traffic Order 2014

T4 (2014)

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) on 4th February 2014 made the above Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to continue indefinitely:-

(a) the provisions of The Waltham Forest (G1) to (G10) (Waiting and Loading Restriction) Experimental Traffic Orders of 2012 so that single and double yellow line ("at any time") waiting restrictions will permanently take effect in various streets within the areas of Zones G1 to G10 south of Lea Bridge Road in the London Borough of Waltham Forest;

(b) the provisions of The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 19) Experimental Traffic Order so that waiting restrictions operate "at any time" and between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays into certain sections of Burnham Road, near its junction with Hall Lane;

(c) the provisions of The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 18) Experimental Traffic Order 2012 so that waiting and loading restrictions operate at "at any time" into certain sections of Ruckholt Road, Sherrin Road and Temple Mills Lane.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 17th February 2014 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of any of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan

Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (ABBOTS PARK FLOOD RELIEF) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT10

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends to make an Order to enable Thames Water to carry out flood relief works in a safe and efficient manner in Abbots Park Road, Fletcher Lane E10 and Leigh Road E10, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles

(except works vehicles) in these road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose at any time in:

(a) Abbots Park Road – between its junction with Leyton High Road and the party wall of Nos. 15 and 17 Abbots Park Road;

(b) Leigh Road E10 – between its junctions with Abbots Park Road and Lyndhurst Drive; and

(c) Fletcher Lane E10 – between its junction with Leyton High Road and the party wall of Nos. 18 and 19 Fletcher Lane E10.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be via Abbots Park Road, Fletcher Lane and Lyndhurst Drive as directed by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order would come into operation on 3rd March 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 6 and 23

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTIONS 90A AND 90C

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

AMENDMENTS TO AND PROVISION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN HOE STREET E17 AND LARKSHALL CORRIDOR E4

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 201*

T3/T5

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to:

(a) introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 1 of this Notice;

(b) extend the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 of this Notice;

(c) convert existing single yellow line waiting restrictions to double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 3 of this Notice; and

(d) make minor corrections to existing order definitions in some of the above roads so they better reflect what is currently on the ground (there would be no change to the way the current restrictions operate).

3. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 proposes to convert an existing "zebra" pedestrian crossing to a raised "zebra" pedestrian crossing in **Larkshall Road** outside St Anne's Church and Community Centre.

The elevated section of the "zebra" pedestrian crossing will extend across the full width of the carriageway with sinusoidal ramps measuring 2 metres in length at either end with a plateau 6 metres in length on the crossing.

4. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council, in accordance with Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, proposes to introduce traffic calming speed tables at the following locations:

(a) **Coolgardie Avenue**, eastward from its junction with Larkshall Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length

(b) **Larkshall Crescent** (northern arm), westward from its junction with Larkshall Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length;

(c) **Larkshall Crescent** (southern arm), north-westward from its junction with Larkshall Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length;

(d) **Larkshall Road**,

- between Nos. 241 and 243 Larkshall Road (at its junction with Larkshall Crescent (northern arm)) for a distance of 24 metres (including ramps measuring 2 metres in length at each end);

- between the party wall of Nos. 310 and 312 and a point approximately 1 metre north of the party wall of Nos. 283 and 285 Larkshall Road for a distance of 46 metres (at its junction with Larkshall Crescent (southern arm) and Coolgardie Avenue) (including ramps measuring 2 metres in length at each end);

- between Nos. 338 and 340 Larkshall Road for a distance of 10 metres (including ramps measuring 2 metres in length at each end); and
- between Nos. 384 and 390 Larkshall Road for a distance of 32 metres (including ramps measuring 2 metres in length at each end); and

(e) **Ropers Avenue E4**, westward from its junction with Larkshall Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length.

The entry treatments and speed table with sinusoidal ramps would be elevated sections of carriageway approximately 75 millimetres (+/- 5mm) higher than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway and

measuring between 5 and 46 metres in length, including the gradients.

5. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

6. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference **T3 (Hoe Street only) /T5 (all other proposals)** by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference Traffic Orders – **T3/T5** (see paragraph 6)

Dated 17th February 2014

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

SCHEDULE 1

- Coolgardie Avenue** (northern side) at its junction with Larkshall Road;
- East View** at its junction with Larkshall Road;

- Larkshall Road** (the east side)
 - at its junction with Coolgardie Avenue;
 - outside Nos. 362 and 366 Larkshall Road;
 - outside and between Nos. 380 and 390 Larkshall Road;

- Larkshall Road** (the south-west side) between the Corner Café and the railway line;

- Larkshall Crescent** (southern arm) (both sides) at its junction with Larkshall Road; and

- Linnett Close** (south side) at its junction with Larkshall Road;
- Mead Crescent** at its junction with New road E4 (for a distance of 10 metres);
- New Road E4** at its junction with Mead Crescent (for a distance of 10 metres); and
- Oakdale Gardens E4** at its junction with Larkshall Road.

SCHEDULE 2

- Ropers Avenue** (the north side) at its junction with Larkshall Road to the eastern wall of No. 2 Ropers Avenue.

SCHEDULE 3

- Hoe Street** – (both sides) between its junction with Forest Road E17 and High Street E17;

- Larkshall Road –
 - (the east side) at its junction with Russets Close; and outside the garage entrance of No. 250 Larkshall Road;
 - (the east and west side) at its junction with Larkshall Crescent (northern arm) (between Nos. 240 and 244 Larkshall Road);
 - (the west side) at its junction with Larkshall Crescent (southern arm) (opposite Coolgardie Avenue);
 - (the west side) between its junctions Oakdale Gardens and Ropers Avenue

- **Larkshall Crescent (northern arm)** – (both sides) at its junction with Larkshall Road; and
- **Linnett Close** – (both sides) at its junction with Larkshall Road.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (LARKSHALL CORRIDOR TRAFFIC CALMING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC, RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY WORKING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT11

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends to make an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit traffic (except works vehicles), restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) and temporarily suspend one-way working in certain roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall:

- (a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 1 to this Notice; and
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 2 to this Notice.

N.B. These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council.

3. Whilst this notice continues in operation the one way working in **Coolgardie Avenue** as prescribed by The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No.3) Traffic Order 2000 is suspended only during such time works are being carried out at the junction of Coolgardie Avenue and Larkshall Road.

4. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained wherever possible, subject to the extent and operation of the closures.

5. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(a) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

6. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

7. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

- (a) in connection with the said works; or
- (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

8. The Order would come into operation on **3rd March 2014** and would be valid for a maximum period of 3 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 17th February 2014
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Schedule 1
Coolgardie Avenue (from its junction with Larkshall Road eastward for a distance of

18.5 metres);
Larkahall Crescent (northern arm) (from its junction with Larkshall Road westward for a distance of 18.5 metres);
Larkahall Crescent (southern arm) (from its junction with Larkshall Road westward for a distance of 18.5 metres); and
Ropers Avenue (from its junction with Larkshall Road westward for a distance of 18.5 metres).

Schedule 2
Larkshall Road
(eastern and western sides)

- between its junction with the southern kerb-line of Hatch Lane E4 (western arm) and a point outside the north-eastern wall of No. 202 Larkshall Road;
- between a point outside the party wall of No. 232 and 234 Larkshall Road and a point outside the party wall of Nos. 248 and 250 Larkshall Road;
- between a point outside the party wall of No. 275 and 277 Larkshall Road and a point outside the party wall of Nos. 318 and 320 Larkshall Road;
- between a point outside the party wall of No. 376 and 378 Larkshall Road and a point outside the party wall of Nos. 323 and 325 Larkshall Road; and
- (south-west side) between its junction with Hale End Road and its junction with The Broadway.

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO: 2014/0232/LA
APPLICANT: London Borough of Waltham Forest
ADDRESS: Willowfield Humanities, College, 38 Clifton Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E17 6HL

PROPOSAL: Provision of two modular classroom blocks, 1 x two storey and 1 x one storey.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO: 2014/0254
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Richard and Conchita Pooten
ADDRESS: Grove Residential Home, 107-109 Grove Road, Walthamstow, E17 9BU

PROPOSAL: Refurbishment and internal alteration to form 13 independent residential living units within Use class A2 including ground, first and roof level extensions. Alteration to front and rear elevation. The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development

Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day: 17th February 2014

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 – SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a Listed Building has been made to the Council.

APPL.NO: 2014/0214/LB
APPLICANT: London Borough of Waltham Forest

ADDRESS: 398 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 9AA

PROPOSAL: An application for listed building consent -Demolition of part of existing wall and replace with lower level brick wall and wire mesh fencing above.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations

relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for Listed building consent and application in conservation area has been made to the Council concerning proposed development which would affect a Listed Building within a Conservation Area.

APPL.NO: 2014/0263 And 2014/0243

APPLICANT: Atlantic Lodge Housing
ADDRESS: 1 The Green, Chingford, E4 7ES

PROPOSAL: Part three storey, part single storey building on existing car park to form offices (Duplicate listed building application)

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day:17th February 2014
David Scourfield – Head of Development Management On Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 – SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

APPL.NO: 2014/0266

APPLICANT: Mr Jonathan Gilkes

ADDRESS: 1B Wingfield Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NN
PROPOSAL: Construction of two storey, 2bed dwelling house, including roof terrace.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day: 17th February 2014
David Scourfield – Head Of Development Management On Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

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